

Minutes of the Steering Committee Meeting

July 19th 2013

Veles Hotel, Russia, 18.00

Present:

Elected members:

Peter Wothers (UK), Carlos Castro-Acuna (MEX), Sasha Gladilin (RU), Duckhwan Lee (KOR), Gabor Magyarfalvi (HUN)

Ex-officio members:

Bryan Balazs (US), Vadim Eremin (RU), Nguyen Van Noi (VIE), Igrar Nazarov (AZE)

Coopted members:

Savita Ladage (INDIA), Martin Putala (SVK), Manfred Kerschbaumer (AUT), Cecilia Hernandez (US)

The meeting was chaired by Peter Wothers; minutes were recorded by Gabor Magyarfalvi.

- 1) Approval of the minutes from the January meeting
- 2) Discussion of rules for participation of new countries and possible changes in Regulations. The SC had a discussion on the topic on its mailing list. A text proposal was made by Gabor Magyarfalvi. The SC discussed the proposal and approved some changes. The change in the regulations will be put for a vote before the Jury.
- 3) Reports from observing countries
 - Liechtenstein: no students at IChO 45th. The SC has discussed the situation and future possibilities with the responsible persons.
 - Montenegro: a well-established national exam is in place, the team will come from the winners (cca. 30 schools participate).
 - Georgia: 2500 schools, a three-stage national Olympiad (2000 – 500 – 50 students)

Montenegro and Georgia are expected to participate in IChO 46 with a team.

- 4) Future Olympiads:
 - 2014 – Vietnam: SC meeting: Hanoi, January 9-12. Venues established. There will be a presentation to the Jury. A short information sheet will be circulated to mentors.
 - 2015 – Azerbaijan: There is full commitment. The Jury will vote at the 4th Jury meeting.
 - 2016 – There is no firm commitment yet at the moment.
 - 2017 – Thailand made a decision to host the IChO. A representative will be invited to SC meetings.
- 5) The Safety rules of the Regulations need to be updated to the new Globally Harmonized System of Classification of Chemicals. The changes are straightforward and will be put for a vote in the Jury.